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SCOTTISH COMMITTEE

INQUIRY INTO MATERNAL MORBIDITY

Reference is made in the *Journal* this week under "Scottish News" (p. 895) to the following letter which has been issued by the Scottish Medical Secretary of the British Medical Association to honorary secretaries of Divisions in Scotland, explaining the scope and objects of an inquiry into maternal morbidity.

Scottish Office,
7, Drumsheugh Gardens,
Edinburgh.

Dear Sir,

As you are aware, inquiries have recently been undertaken, both in Scotland and in England, into the causes of maternal deaths, and the Interim and Final Reports of the Departmental Committee which has been carrying through the English inquiry have been published. The position in Scotland is rather different. The medical advisers of the Department of Health are finding that the utility of the inquiry into maternal deaths is restricted owing to the absence of data regarding maternal morbidity, and, on their reporting in that sense, the whole question was referred to the Scientific Advisory Committee. That committee warmly supported a suggestion that a supplementary investigation should be made into maternal morbidity. The suggestion also received support from a subcommittee comprising representatives of the obstetrical and gynaecological departments of Scottish universities, and from the Central Midwives Board for Scotland.

The Scottish Committee of the Association was approached in the matter, and, in view of the great importance of the subject, gave the supplementary investigation its cordial approval. The Scottish Committee has also been consulted on the form of questionary to be used in the inquiry [copy enclosed].

The inquiry implies that information will be obtained regarding all births in Scotland over a fixed period. It is, of course, a purely voluntary one under the aegis of the Scientific Advisory Committee, and is intended to continue for a period of six months from the middle of November next. The questionary will be issued to doctors, midwives, and institutions by the respective medical officers of health along with, in the first instance, an explanatory letter. In view of the importance of the subject the Scottish Committee will be glad if the medical profession in Scotland will give their hearty co-operation in the matter, and they trust that the members of your Division will do all in their power to assist. Franked envelopes will be supplied for the return of the questionary to the medical officer of health.

I may add that steps have been taken to ensure that the information furnished will be available only for the scientific and public health purposes which the inquiry is intended to serve. You will observe that the names of the women confined are not to be given, and that statements by medical attendants need not be signed by them. The forms will be destroyed immediately the information on them has been summarized.

Yours faithfully,
R. W. Craig,
Scottish Medical Secretary.

October 4th, 1932.

British Medical Association

CURRENT NOTES

The Association's List of Consultants

As a result of the decision of the meeting, held in December, 1931, of the consultant and specialist members of the profession resident in the metropolitan area, the British Medical Association has now prepared a *List of Consultants* willing to see and advise, at a modified fee, members of the Hospital Saving Association and others of a like economic status as guaranteed by membership of a recognized organization. A copy of the *List* has been issued to all general practitioners in the metropolitan area, and to those members of the profession whose names are included in the *List*. The essence of the arrangement is to maintain the closest co-operation with the attending practitioner, whose approval of the consultation will in all cases be necessary, and to whom the opinion of the consultant will in due course be communicated. The procedure will be that the patient will go to his attending practitioner in the ordinary way ; if the case is one upon which it is desired to have the opinion of a consultant or specialist, and the patient is willing that such an opinion should be obtained privately and not at the out-patient department of a hospital, it is open to that practitioner to suggest the adoption of the arrangements provided by the establishment of the *List*. In these circumstances the patient must obtain from his Group Secretary a form, which the practitioner will complete and the patient must present at his interview with the consultant.

The consultation will take place at the private address of the consultant, and the fee of one guinea will be paid by the patient at the time of the consultation.

The Association anticipates that the arrangements associated with the *Consultants List* will be of service both to medical practitioners and to members of the Hospital Saving Association who are not able to afford the usual private consultation fee. At present the need of such persons is met either by the out-patient departments of hospitals or by personal requests for reduction of the fee addressed to individual consultants. Under the arrangements now offered the trouble associated with these requests will be avoided, the proper relations between the attending practitioner and the consultant will be maintained, and the patient will be saved the waste of time and other inconveniences which attendance at a hospital almost inevitably entails.

In this connexion attention should be drawn to the fact that a number of societies in London and in various other parts of the country have established, for the benefit of their members, a list of consultants who are willing to see members of the organizations concerned at a modified fee. Such lists are, broadly speaking, open to the following objections: (1) the list is a "closed" or restricted one controlled by a non-medical organization; (2) the widespread circulation of information to the members of a particular society as to the arrangements available is contrary to the dictum of the General Medical Council, and would probably expose the practitioners concerned to the disapproval of that body were the facts brought to its notice; (3) there is no "income limit," except in so far as this is represented by the status of members of the particular society. In view of the establishment by the British Medical Association of this *List of Consultants*, upon which all practitioners who satisfy the required criteria may have their names included, there is now no reason for the continuance of the "closed" panels of the various bodies above indicated. It is therefore hoped that those members of the profession who are associated with such enterprises will take steps for the removal of their names from the "closed" panels in question.

National Health Insurance

INSURANCE ACTS COMMITTEE

ELECTION OF DIRECT REPRESENTATIVES FOR 1932–3

The following direct representatives upon the Insurance Acts Committee have been *elected unopposed* for the Groups mentioned:

Group A.
Mr. D. Elliot Dickson (Lochgelly, Fife).
Dr. J. G. McCutcheon (Glasgow).
Dr. D. Lyon Stevenson (Larkhall, Lanarkshire).

Group B.
Dr. P. V. Anderson (Shildon).

Group D.
Dr. R. G. McGowan (Manchester).
Dr. Frank Radcliffe (Oldham).
Dr. S. A. Winstanley (Urmston, Lancs).

Group E.
Dr. J. C. Davies (Wrexham).
Dr. W. E. Thomas (Ystrad-Rhondda, Glam.).

Group F.
Dr. H. W. Pooler (Stonebroom, Derbyshire).

Group G.
Dr. G. L. Lefevre (Longton, Staffs).

Group H.
Mr. E. Lewis Lilley (Leicester).

Group J.
Dr. H. Rose (Wendover, Bucks).

Group K.
Dr. D. G. Greenfield (Rushden, Northants).

Group L.
Dr. D. O. Twining (Salcombe, Devon).

Group M.
Dr. T. MacCarthy (Sherborne, Dorset).

Group N.
Dr. J. J. Day (Canterbury).
Dr. A. E. Larking (Beckley, Sussex).

Group O.
Dr. C. H. Panting (Leytonstone).
Dr. C. F. T. Scott (Willesden).

Group P.
Dr. H. J. Cardale (London).
Dr. E. A. Gregg (London).

Group Q.
Dr. David Gray (Belfast).

In the *contested Groups*—namely, C and I—the results were as follows:

Group C.
Dr. W. H. Smailes (Huddersfield). *Elected.*
Dr. E. Welch (Leeds). *Elected.*
Dr. G. J. B. Candler-Hope (West Ayton).

Group I.
Dr. John Steed (Staunton-on-Wye, Herefordshire). *Elected.*
Dr. C. R. Lunn (Olton, Warwickshire).

SCOTTISH SUBCOMMITTEE

The following direct representatives upon the Insurance Acts Scottish Subcommittee have been *elected unopposed* for the Groups mentioned:

Group A.
Dr. J. B. Simpson (Golspie).

Group B.
Dr. Robert Bruce, D.S.O. (Cults, Aberdeenshire).

Group C.
Dr. D. M. McGillivray (Dundee).

Group D.
Dr. John Hume (Perth).

Group E.
Dr. W. B. Mactier (St. Andrews).

Group F.
Dr. F. K. Kerr (Leith).

Group G.
Dr. W. R. Martine (Haddington).

Group H.
Dr. S. Davidson (Kelso).

Group K.
No nomination.

Group L.
Dr. James Wilson (Irvine, Ayrshire).

Group M.
Dr. David Huskie (Moffat).

Group N.
Dr. W. J. Logie (Falkirk).

In the *contested Groups*—namely, I and J—the results were as follows:

Group I.
Dr. W. M. Knox (Glasgow). *Elected.*
Dr. J. F. Lambie (Glasgow). *Elected.*
Dr. P. S. Buchanan (Glasgow).
Dr. W. T. Davie (Glasgow).
Dr. David Glen (Glasgow).

Group J.
Dr. J. W. Little (Newmains). *Elected.*
Dr. D. C. Douglas (Hamilton).

G. C. ANDERSON,
Medical Secretary.

Members of the Glasgow Burgh Panel Committee held their annual social function on November 4th in the Grosvenor Restaurant, Glasgow. Over 300 guests were present, this being the largest attendance at these functions to date. Dr. J. F. Lambie, the chairman, and Mrs. Lambie received the guests. The guest of the evening was Dr. J. Glaister McCutcheon, to whom a presentation of a radio-gramophone was made in appreciation of his services to the profession. In the course of the proceedings Dr. McCutcheon was congratulated on his appointment as a Justice of the Peace for the City of Glasgow. During the evening the party engaged in cards, supper, and dancing. The meeting was an outstanding success.

Association Notices

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL BY BRANCHES NOT IN THE BRITISH ISLES

Notice is hereby given that *nominations* of candidates for election as Members of Council by the following grouped Branches for a period of two years, commencing from the termination of the Annual Representative Meeting, 1933, *must be forwarded* in writing so as to reach the Medical Secretary *not later than February 15th, 1933*:

	No. of Members of Council to be elected by Group.
New South Wales and Queensland	1
New Zealand and Fiji	1
Assam, Baluchistan, Bombay, Burma, Calcutta, Ceylon, Hyderabad, Mesopotamia, Northern Bengal, Punjab, South Indian and Madras, and United Provinces	1
Hong-Kong and China, and Malaya	1

Nominations must be signed by not less than three members of any Branch in the Group, and must be in the following form or to the like effect:

We, the undersigned, hereby nominate.....
of .....(*Full name and address to be given*)
for election by the.....(*State the names of the Branches in the Group*) Branches as a Member of the Council of the Association for the two-year period 1933–5.

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A notice will be published by the Council in the *British Medical Journal Supplement* as soon as possible after February 15th, 1933, as to the nominations received in respect of each Group.

Where contests occur voting papers will be issued containing the names of all duly nominated Candidates, from the Head Office, British Medical Association, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1, to each member in the Group. Not later than the second week in June, 1933, a notice will be published by the Council in the *British Medical Journal Supplement* giving the result of the elections for those Groups where there have been contests.

By Order,

G. C. ANDERSON,
Medical Secretary.

CONSULTING PATHOLOGISTS GROUP

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Conference of the members of the Consulting Pathologists Group of the Association will be held at B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1, on Saturday, November 19th, 1932, at 11 a.m.

Membership of Pathologists Group

The Group is now composed of members of the Association who are working in an institutional or private pathological laboratory, engaged in examining and reporting on specimens for general clinical purposes.

G. C. ANDERSON,
Medical Secretary.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH: NUNEATON AND TAMWORTH DIVISION.—At the Nuneaton Nursing Home, Attleborough Road, Wednesday, November 16th, 3.30 p.m. Dr. P. G. Horsburgh (chairman): Inaugural address.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH.—Clinical meeting in the New Municipal Buildings, Dumfries, Thursday, November 17th, 3 p.m. After tea the Provost will conduct members round the new buildings, opened recently by H.R.H. Prince Henry.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH: AYRSHIRE DIVISION.—At Kilmarnock, Thursday, November 17th. B.M.A. Lecture by Mr. Henry Wade (Edinburgh): The role of excretion urography in the diagnosis of disease.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE BRANCH.—Tuesday, November 15th. Presidential address by Dr. D. Clow: The growth of the art of medicine.

KENT BRANCH: TUNBRIDGE WELLS DIVISION.—Annual meeting at General Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, Wednesday, November 16th, 8.30 p.m.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: MID - CHESHIRE DIVISION.—In the Board Room, Altrincham General Hospital, Sunday, November 13th, 4 p.m. Tea served at 3.45 p.m. Business: Correspondence: representative's report.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: SOUTHPORT DIVISION.—At the Assembly Rooms, Prince of Wales Hotel, Thursday, November 17th, 8.30 p.m. Lecture by Dr. James Mennell (medical officer, physico-therapeutic department, St. Thomas's Hospital): The truth about osteopathy. Practical demonstrations will be given.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CAMBERWELL DIVISION.—Clinical meeting at St. Olave's Hospital, Rotherhithe, Tuesday, November 15th, 9 p.m.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: FINCHLEY DIVISION.—At Finchley Memorial Hospital, Tuesday, November 15th, 8.45 p.m. Address by Mr. A. Lawrence Abel: Common diseases of the rectum and anal canal. Followed by cinematograph demonstration.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: HENDON DIVISION.—At Redhill Hospital, Burnt Oak, Friday, November 18th, 8.30 p.m. Clinical meeting.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: KENSINGTON DIVISION.—At Great Western Royal Hotel, Paddington, Tuesday, November 15th, 8.45 p.m. Discussion on abortion, to be opened by Dr. B. Dunlop, followed by Dame Louise McIlroy, Dr. C. Killick Millard, and Dr. F. J. McCann.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: LEWISHAM DIVISION.—At Malvern House School, Lewisham Park, Tuesday, November 15th, 9 p.m. Dr. Philip Hamill (secretary of the Pharmacopoeia Committee of the General Medical Council): The new *British Pharmacopoeia*.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH-WEST ESSEX DIVISION.—Reception and dance in aid of B.M.A. charities at the Leyton Town Hall, Thursday, November 17th, at 9.15 p.m.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: STRATFORD DIVISION.—At Educational Offices, Stratford, Tuesday, November 15th, 9.15 p.m. Dr. C. B. Heald: Backache and manipulation (with film demonstration).

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: TOWER HAMLETS DIVISION.—At Bromley Public Hall, Bow Road, E.3, Tuesday, November 15th, 4 p.m. (tea 3.45 p.m.). Address by Mr. S. I. Levy: Abnormal conditions of the urine.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WILLESDEN DIVISION.—At Willesden General Hospital, Harlesden Road, Wednesday, November 16th, 9 p.m. Mr. E. K. Marlin (University College Hospital): The interpretation of epigastric pain. Dr. Auty: A discussion on the desirability of reducing the present B.M.A. subscription.

NORFOLK BRANCH.—At the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Friday, November 25th, 3.15 p.m. Mr. J. M. Ridley Thomas: Infection of the Urinary Tract.

NORFOLK BRANCH: WEST NORFOLK DIVISION. — Joint meeting of the West Norfolk Division and the legal profession in the district, at Duke's Head Hotel, King's Lynn, Thursday, November 24th, 8.30 p.m., preceded by joint dinner at 7.30 p.m. (6s. 6d.) Discussion: The medico-legal aspects of drunkenness as it affects the motorist.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: MORPETH DIVISION.—At the Hospital, Ashington, Friday, November 11th, 8 p.m. Dr. R. M. Bolam: Dermatitis and ulceration of the leg, with special reference to the treatment of varicose ulcers. Cases will be shown and demonstrated.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: PORTSMOUTH DIVISION. — At Outpatient Department, Royal Portsmouth Hospital, Thursday, November 17th, 3 p.m. Clinical cases and specimens, followed by discussion.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH: SWANSEA DIVISION.—Thursday, November 17th. Lecture by Dr. White: Recent advances in endocrinology.

SUFFOLK BRANCH: WEST SUFFOLK DIVISION.—Post-graduate course at West Suffolk General Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, November 19th, 8.45 p.m. Mr. L. E. Barrington-Ward: The acute abdomen in children.

SURREY BRANCH: REIGATE DIVISION.—At East Surrey Hospital, Tuesday, November 15th, 8.45 p.m. Dr. J. Forest Smith: Goitre in general practice.

SUSSEX BRANCH: BRIGHTON DIVISION.—At Brighton Infirmary, Elm Grove, Thursday, November 17th, 3.45 p.m. Clinical meeting.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions

CAMBRIDGE AND HUNTINGDON BRANCH: ISLE OF ELY DIVISION

A meeting of the Isle of Ely Division was held on November 1st. There was an excellent attendance of practitioners in the Division, together with visitors from neighbouring Divisions. Dr. W. J. O'DONOVAN, M.P., physician to the dermatological and syphilological department, London Hospital, delivered a British Medical Association Lecture on some skin diseases met with in general practice, and demonstrated by lantern slides and photographs the common and rare affections of the leg. He devoted some time to those affections of the legs which were considered the special province of advertised remedies in the lay papers, and showed that such cases, critically considered, belonged to a psychogenic group; they comprised subjective pruritus with secondary phenomena due to scratching and abrasions, and the noteworthy features of all the advertisements was the psychological cure conveyed by repeated and convincing suggestion. The heads of his lecture were: (*a*) plantar warts, callosities, and hyperkeratosis; (*b*) areate scaling erythema; (*c*) minor and major tumours; (*d*) so-called varicose ulcers; (*e*) functional obsessional pruritus. The address was very helpful and instructive, and was made all the more enjoyable by the lecturer's rich vein of humour.

At the conclusion of the address a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. O'Donovan, on the motion of Dr. G. H. LUCAS, seconded by Dr. W. A. MURPHY.

DERBYSHIRE BRANCH

A meeting of the Derbyshire Branch was held at the Derby Royal Infirmary on October 28th, when the president, Dr. BARBER, was in the chair, and forty-four members were present.

The PRESIDENT opened a discussion on prophylactic immunization. After outlining the scope and limitations of the subject, he dealt with the methods of producing immunity, both active and passive, and their application in differing communities, such as hospitals, schools, industrial centres, and in private practice. He invited consideration of the following questions in respect of the various infective diseases: Can active immunity be acquired? If so, how long does it last? Is it efficacious after exposure to infection? Is it dangerous in effect or unpleasant in administration? How can it be applied to the community?

The following members then dealt with the selected diseases indicated: Dr. TAYLOR (diphtheria), Dr. HAIGH (scarlet fever), Dr. LESCHER (measles), Dr. HODSON (influenza and infectious coryza). In the subsequent discussion Drs. HEALY, NIVEN ROBERTSON, BARBER, DAWSON, SYDNEY HUNT, and COCHRANE took part.

DUNDEE BRANCH

A meeting of the Dundee Branch was held at University College, Dundee, on October 26th, when Dr. EWEN CABLE was in the chair. A lecture was given by Dr. W. ARTHUR TATCHELL, medical superintendent, Blue Funnell Line, entitled "The work and experiences of a ship surgeon in the Far East," illustrated by one hundred very beautiful lantern slides showing ships, native craft, and views illustrating places, peoples, and customs in Malaya, China, Japan, Java, Manila, and other islands of the Far East. The lecture was much enjoyed by a large audience. At the conclusion Dr. Tatchell was warmly thanked by the CHAIRMAN and other members of the Branch, to whom the lecture revived memories of the days when they also had made voyages as ship surgeons.

EAST YORKSHIRE BRANCH

The opening of the season was celebrated by the East Yorkshire Branch by an inaugural dance, held at Powolny's Ball Room, Hull, on October 18th. The guests were received by the president (Dr. H. P. MILLIGAN) and his lady. There was an attendance of upwards of 100; the University College of Hull was also represented. Supper was served at 10 p.m., and the guests, medical and lay alike, had a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

EDINBURGH BRANCH: SOUTH-EASTERN COUNTIES DIVISION

The annual dinner of the Division was held in the Buccleuch Arms Hotel, St. Boswells, on October 26th, when Dr. S. DAVIDSON, chairman of the Division, presided, and eleven members were present, in addition to Provost Fisher (Hawick), and Dr. R. W. Craig (Scottish Medical Secretary) as guests. The toast of the evening—"Prosperity to the British Medical Association"—was proposed in a witty and interesting speech by Provost FISHER, and was ably replied to by Dr. R. W. CRAIG. The only other toast was "The Ladies," proposed by Dr. S. G. DAVIDSON (Hawick) and replied to by Dr. DAVIDSON (Duns). A very pleasant evening was spent, and at the close a warm vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by Dr. TURNBULL, was carried.

ESSEX BRANCH: MID-ESSEX DIVISION

A general meeting of the Mid-Essex Division was held at the Bell Hotel, Chelmsford, on October 27th. Two matters involving: (1) the treatment of patients suffering from road injuries, and whose maintenance in hospital was paid by the insurance company concerned, and (2) the Chelmsford Hospital contributory scheme, were referred to headquarters.

The HONORARY SECRETARY gave an account of fifteen months' work on puerperal cases treated at the County Public Assistance Institution, Chelmsford. He said that the treatment carried out followed closely that of Dr. Davidson of Mensall Fever Hospital, Manchester, and described by Dr. Sutherland at the 1931 Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association. Injections of metarsenobillon were given intramuscularly to combat sepsis, and intrauterine treatment of brilliant green in glycerin was given as demanded by the character of the lochia. Dr. WILLMORE gave an account of a series of 100 consecutive labour cases (previously reported in the *Indian Medical Gazette*, June 6th, 1922), where, for adhesion and retention of membranes, treatment consisted of hot vaginal, and, if found necessary, hot intrauterine douches, of sterile normal salt solution. Dr. BULLOUGH, Essex county medical officer, described how "series cases" were investigated, all patients and those in contact being swabbed and typed. This work was referred to Dr. Colebrook's laboratories. Questions and discussion followed, in which all present joined.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH: AYRSHIRE DIVISION

The first meeting of the session took the form of a lantern lecture by Mr. A. MACLENNAN on the subject of spinal curvatures. Mr. MacLennan, after dealing with the development of the spine, went on to the anatomy, the movements, the various displacements, and developmental errors met with. He then mentioned scoliosis, pointing out that this was essentially a sliding of one vertebra on another in a lateral direction. He next dealt with the subject of kyphosis, tracing various types—for example, cases due to incorrect posture, cases due to occupation, and cases due to osteochondritis; with a note on Calvé's disease and Scheuermann's disease. In connexion with Kümmell's disease, he advocated the careful taking of radiographs some time after the occurrence of injury, as the condition known as Kümmell's disease only became apparent at a later period. He concluded the lecture by dealing with crush fractures, infections, and senile changes in the spine. Altogether nearly sixty lantern slides were shown, and the lecture proved of great interest.

At the conclusion Dr. GIBSON, who presided, moved a vote of thanks to Mr. MacLennan, and also a vote of thanks to Dr. Brand for officiating at the lantern.

HERTFORDSHIRE BRANCH: BARNET DIVISION

A very well-attended meeting of the Barnet Division was held at Dr. Hardie's residence, 53, Wood Street, on November 1st, when Mr. GORDON TAYLOR delivered a most successful lantern lecture on the subject of reward and rebuff in cancer surgery. Pictures showing a long series of cases, many of them apparently hopeless, and treated by heroic methods with frequent success, were shown, and also numerous examples where the results were less favourable. Though the lecturer admitted that the survival rate of cases was still very poor, yet he remained an optimist; he still placed his reliance in surgery, and did not advocate *x* rays or radium in most cases.

After a pause for refreshments, a long series of questions was replied to by the lecturer. A hearty vote of thanks was moved by Dr. HATRICK, and carried unanimously. Dr. Hughes's name was coupled with the vote of thanks for his services in operating the lantern, and Dr. Hardie's for kindly lending his room for the meeting. Subsequently an informal discussion continued for some time.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CAMBERWELL DIVISION

A meeting of the Camberwell Division was held at St. Giles's Hospital on October 15th, when the chairman, Dr. PORTER-SMITH, presided.

An address was given by Dr. W. H. OXLEY on errors in present-day midwifery practice. He attributed mistakes in

midwifery to (1) lack of forethought, and (2) lack of skill. The exercise of forethought was often difficult in general medicine, but in midwifery was rendered easier by the fact that the patient was usually a healthy woman passing through a normal physiological process. Dr. Oxley considered the skill of the average general practitioner to be of a high order, but he thought it only fair to both patient and doctor that the assistance of a trained nurse should be obtained whenever possible. In his opinion normal cases were best treated at home; difficult cases should be undertaken in hospital.

The interest stimulated by Dr. Oxley's vigorous address was evident by the lively discussion which followed. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: HARROW DIVISION

The inaugural meeting of the Harrow Division was held at the Gayton Rooms, Harrow, on October 25th. An address was given by Dr. D. T. DAVIES on peptic ulcer and its treatment. This was profusely illustrated by skiagrams and graphs, and was followed by a discussion.

Dr. VICKERS explained the circular requesting the co-operation of panel practitioners in furnishing data for the capitation fee, and it was hoped that as many members as possible would help to provide statistics. The question of appointing anaesthetists to the dental clinic was deferred to the next meeting. The chairman, Dr. C. E. GODDARD, expressed the hope that many more members would try to be present at the meetings.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: KENSINGTON DIVISION

A general meeting of the Kensington Division was held on October 25th at the Kensington Town Hall. Mr. MALCOLM DONALDSON delivered an address entitled "Ante-natal problems in general practice."

A resolution was carried recommending to the Kensington, Paddington, and Hammersmith Borough Councils that diphtheria immunization be actively pursued in the Division area, and stating that the Division is in favour of a scheme being arranged whereby the local authorities and general practitioners should co-operate in diptheria immunization.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: LEWISHAM DIVISION

A meeting of the Lewisham Division was held at Malvern House School, S.E.13, on October 18th, when Mr. V. E. NEGUS gave an address on the diagnosis and treatment of chronic nasal sinusitis.

Mr. Negus said that the condition had its greatest frequency among adults, a discharge in children being most often associated with adenoids, while in adolescents polypi caused most nasal discharges. The cause was generally the common "cold in the head," or acute rhinitis and sinusitis; it might follow an infected tooth—generally a molar or premolar, but never a canine. The sinuses were grouped in accordance with their anatomical position—anterior and posterior. The posterior group (posterior ethmoidal and sphenoidal) cells were rarely infected independently of the anterior group. The only method by which the antrum could empty itself was by ciliary action. The local symptoms of chronic sinusitis were discharge, obstruction, pain (only in partial sinusitis), sore throat, deafness, loss of smell, change of voice. The general symptoms were vague ill-health (notably lack of concentration and memory), dyspepsia, asthmatic attacks. Bronchitis, bronchiectasis, arthritis, and rheumatism might supervene, also certain eye conditions—for example, retrobulbar neuritis. The signs were swelling over frontal sinus, tenderness over inner margin of orbit, and broadening of nose; internally, rhinitis, pus, polypi, hyperplasia of middle turbinal. Confirmatory evidence was provided by transillumination and *x*-ray examination. The differential diagnosis was from migraine, trigeminal neuralgia, new growth of orbit or antrum, and dental cyst.

Discussing treatment, Mr. Negus said that preliminary cocainizing must precede washing out of the antrum. If there was no improvement after six daily washouts, antrostomy must be performed. Wool packs of 10 per cent. protargol caused the mucous membrane to shrink and allowed the cells to drain. Fine sprays and vaccines were of little value. The operative measures included removal of septic foci—for example, infected teeth and adenoids. For antrostomy the intranasal route was to be preferred. Submucous resection for deflected septum should be performed only in the absence of pus. Polypi must be removed and their source destroyed. For anaesthetizing, the speaker advocated the use of a 25 per cent. cocaine paste in vaseline.

Following a discussion on various relevant points, a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Negus.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH-WEST ESSEX DIVISION

A clinical meeting of the South-West Essex Division was held at Queen Mary's Hospital, Stratford, on October 25th. Cases of great interest were shown by Drs. HAMPSON and PLAYFAIR, Mr. MORTIMER WOOLF, and Mr. MCALLISTER. The meeting closed with tea, and thanks to the staff and matron.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WILLESDEN DIVISION

A clinical meeting was held at the Willesden General Hospital on October 19th, when Mr. ARNOLD WALKER gave an address on danger signals in obstetrics.

Discussing the toxaemias, Mr. Walker said that he regarded true toxic vomiting as excessively rare; vomiting occurred, and was at times very troublesome to deal with—he was convinced that it was largely of psychological origin. The treatment was absolute rest in bed, starvation, and purgation. Rising blood pressure was of paramount importance in indicating toxaemia of pregnancy. Other very important signs, in his opinion, were headaches, epigastric pain, and retinal changes. Ante-partum haemorrhage was almost always preceded by slight warning haemorrhages, which occurred some time before the onset of severe bleeding. Such warning haemorrhages should certainly put the practitioner on his guard. Under mechanical difficulties the speaker said that he placed little value on pelvimetry. The only useful pelvimeter was the baby's head. In the deformed pelvis Caesarean section was obviously indicated. In the minor degrees of contraction, indicated by non-engagement of the head in the latter weeks, he advised that the labour should proceed to full term, and that the onset of the first stage be carefully watched, no vaginal examination being permitted. In the majority of these cases moulding took place, the head engaged, and labour proceeded satisfactorily. Mr. Walker greatly deprecated the induction of labour. If a "trial labour" was unsuccessful Caesarean section could be proceeded with. The occipito-posterior position was responsible for most cases of non-engagement of the head. He found morphine most useful in the first stage in these cases. It did not delay labour. It should not be given within about four hours of delivering the child.

Following the lecture there was an interesting discussion, in which many took part. On the motion of the honorary secretary, Dr. W. PATERSON, seconded by Dr. C. F. T. SCOTT, a cordial vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the lecturer.

NORTHERN COUNTIES OF SCOTLAND BRANCH: INVERNESS DIVISION

A meeting of the Inverness Division was held in the Royal Northern Infirmary on October 27th. The following office-bearers were elected for 1932–3:

Chairman, Mr. Theodore Chalmers. *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. MacWilliam. *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, Mr. A. J. C. Hamilton.

After discussing the plans for a charities dance in December and a golf competition in the spring, two medical films were shown. The first one was on spinal anaesthesia, lent by Bayer Products, Ltd; and the second was on reduction of crush fractures of the spine, by Watson Jones, from the Kodak film library.

NORTHERN IRELAND BRANCH: NORTH-EAST ULSTER DIVISION

Dr. S. J. BOLTON, chairman of the North-East Ulster Division, presided over a meeting on September 30th at Coleraine, when the Division golf cup, presented by the chairman, was handed to Dr. T. Adams, winner of the annual tournament, and Dr. T. Johnston was congratulated on his golfing success at the Centenary Meeting, interesting accounts of which were given by Drs. HUEY and SLOAN BOLTON. It was decided to purchase a kodascope. The CHAIRMAN then delivered an address on changes in general practice during forty years.

He stated that the lot of the general practitioner had become much easier in consequence of the replacement of the slower-moving horse and trap, or the bicycle, by the sheltering and speedier motor car. To his aid, moreover, had come the cottage hospital, sanatorium, specialists, *x* rays, biochemistry, improved bacteriology, and trained nurses and midwives. Typhus fever was little more than a memory now, and typhoid fever had been immensely reduced, not only by hygienic measures, but also by inoculation prophylaxis. Diphtheria, once the nightmare of every general practitioner, had been shorn of its terrors by the introduction of bacteriological diagnosis and the discovery of antitoxin. By its use the death rate had been reduced to 10 per cent., and, if given on the first day of illness, to nothing. Diabetes mellitus was now controllable by insulin, and pernicious anaemia had an

improved prognosis, thanks to liver treatment, although this was hardly to be ranked as a specific. Pulmonary tuberculosis, once regarded as hopeless and as a destroyer of families, was now being stamped out. Twenty years previously 135 females suffered from the disease for every 100 males; now there were only 99 females for every 100 males. It was very clear that the statement by a layman of some eminence that there had been no change in medical treatment—"Senna and salts when I was a boy; senna and salts to-day"—was entirely erroneous. Modern medicine was also largely preventive, and the work of the public health authorities was increasingly fruitful; in fact, the medical profession was constantly working to keep itself out of employment.

Surgery had made amazing strides during recent years, thanks to the achievements of Pasteur, Lister, and von Bergmann, and the introduction of anaesthetics. The abdominal cavity was now opened with impunity, whereas previously such a step had been the inevitable precursor of death. Dr. Bolton referred at length to the discovery of appendicitis and the development of early and effective treatment, and remarked that in no branch of surgery had advancement been more marked than in operative gynaecology. He believed there was no finality in any science, and that fifty years hence surgeons would be surprised at the view of some to-day that nearly everything had been already found out. Much still remained to be done as regards midwifery; there seemed to be at present a higher proportion of difficult confinements than hitherto. The general death rate had decreased in fifty years from 21 per 1,000 to 12; the average expectation of life at birth during that period had risen for a boy from 41 years to 56, and for a girl from 44 to 60. The medical profession had done much to enable men to live longer, healthier, and happier lives.

North of England Branch

The annual dinner of the North of England Branch was held at the Royal Station Hotel, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on October 27th, when there was a very good attendance of members. The president, Dr. James Brownlee, occupied the chair, and was supported by many prominent members of the profession in the North of England. Following the toast of "The King," Professor Grey Turner proposed the health of the guests, and the president presented Mr. Norman Hodgson with a gold cigarette case, together with a small cheque, this being a testimonial from the members of the Branch in recognition of the valuable services rendered to the Branch by Mr. Hodgson in the capacity of honorary secretary, 1924 to 1932. The toast of "The British Medical Association" was given by His Honour Judge Thesiger, and replied to by Sir Robert Bolam.

North of England Branch: Blyth Division

A meeting of the Blyth Division was held in the Thomas Knight Memorial Hospital, Blyth, on October 21st. Four members were present. A considerable number of subjects, mostly regarding panel practice, were discussed. Dr. A. Fairlie, who was elected to the chair for the evening, was congratulated on being appointed president-elect of the North of England Branch. The programme of meetings of the Division for the year was discussed, and left to the secretary to complete. Tea was served by the matron of the hospital.

Sussex Branch: Hastings Division

A meeting of the Hastings Division was held at the Queen's Hotel, Hastings, on October 4th. Dr. G. R. Bruce gave an address on some aspects of tuberculosis and small-pox during this century. Having introduced the subject by a brief reference to the fiftieth anniversary of Robert Koch's epoch-making discovery of the tubercle bacillus, he proceeded to illustrate by statistics the great decrease in the mortality from tuberculosis, contrasting the figures in the decades 1871–80, 1901–10, and 1921–30, from which it would be seen that there was a fall in the general mortality from tuberculosis of 75 per cent. After referring to the decreasing mortality from non-pulmonary tuberculosis, he went on to deal more particularly with the problem of the age group 18–25, in which there had been no diminution in mortality in the case of pulmonary tuberculosis. In addition, amongst females there had even been, in some districts, a definite increase during the past twenty years, more marked in single than in married women. The possible causes were discussed, including various modern tendencies. The speaker expressed the view that in the young adult suffering from tuberculosis the main factor was early and yet earlier diagnosis. In this regard he was confident that definite and real progress had been made during the past few years. The question of the help given by x rays in the diagnosis of pulmonary tuberculosis was dealt with, also the various features of modern treatment, the speaker placing emphasis on the fact that nearly all recent developments, including artificial pneumothorax treatment, etc., were all dependent upon the main factor of giving rest to the infected lung.

With regard to small-pox, Dr. Bruce dealt mainly with the difference between the severe and fatal form prevalent in this country between the years 1902 and 1905, and only sporadic since that time, and the mild form which has been present in this country during the past ten years. He showed, by means of photographs, the clinical points in the diagnosis of small-pox, and dealt with certain features of cases which had occurred locally.

NATIONAL EYE SERVICE

NATIONAL OPHTHALMIC TREATMENT BOARD

In the *Supplement* of January 30th (p. 33) there appeared a complete list of the addresses of the local representatives of the above-mentioned service. The following are additions and alterations which have since been made to the list.

ADDITIONS

BERKSHIRE	
Maidenhead	Wayside Nursing Home.
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	
Aylesbury	1, Church Street.
ESSEX	
Romford	43A, Hornchurch Road.
HAMPSHIRE	
Aldershot	177, Victoria Road.
LANCASHIRE	
Burnley	54, Bank Parade.
Rochdale	163, Drake Street.
MIDDLESEX	
Hounslow	148A, High Street.
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	
Worksop	Crescent Rise Villas, 235, Gateford Road.
STAFFORDSHIRE	
Burton-on-Trent	73, Guild Street.
Walsall	Room 1, First Floor, 9-10A, The Bridge.
SURREY	
Farnham	2, South Street.
WILTSHIRE	
Swindon	29, Victoria Road.
GLAMORGANSHIRE	
Merthyr Tydfil	51, Pontmorlais Circus.

ALTERATIONS

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	
Aylesbury	3 High Street.
CHESHIRE	
Runcorn	139, Church Street.
KENT	
Tunbridge Wells	23A, Grosvenor Road.
Tenterden	J. B. May, High Street.
MIDDLESEX	
Wembley	24, High Road.
NORFOLK	
Great Yarmouth	130, King Street.
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE	
Peterborough	The Arcade, Westgate, as from November 16th.
SURREY	
Farnham	The Castle Keep, 2, South Street.
WARWICKSHIRE	
Rugby	22, Warwick Street.

DELETIONS

LANCASHIRE	NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
Bury	Kettering
St. Annes-on-Sea	Rushden

Lists of alterations and additions also appeared in the *Supplements* of April 16th (p. 137), May 28th (p. 255), July 2nd (p. 10), July 30th (p. 87), and October 15th (p. 207).

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY

The following books were added to the Library of the British Medical Association during October, 1932:

Allen, L. A.: Properties of Milk in Relation to the Condensing and Drying of Whole Milk, Separated Milk, and Whey. 1932.
Bensuade, R.: Maladies de l'Intestin, volumes i and ii. 1931–2.
British Pharmacopoeia, 1932.
Brock, J.: Biologische Daten für den Kinderarzt, Band I. 1932.
Cannon, W. B.: Wisdom of the Body. 1932.
Choyce, C. C. (Editor): System of Surgery. Three volumes. 1932.
Clarke, E.: Fundus of the Human Eye. 1931.
Crowden, G. P.: Muscular Work, Fatigue and Recovery. 1932.
Distel, H.: Rationeller Krankenhaus-Bau. 1932.
Fletcher, N. C.: The St. John Ambulance Association, Its History. 1931.
Gauss, H.: Clinical Dietetics. 1931.
Geschickter, C. F., and Copeland, M. M.: Tumors of Bone. 1931.
Gidon, F.: Précis de l'Ionotherapie Électrique. 1931.
Gunther, R. T.: Early Science in Oxford, vol. ix. 1932.
Hutchison, A.: Motives of Conduct in Children. 1931.
Hutinel, J., and Linossier-Ardoin, A.: L'Hérédo-Syphilis, Clinique et Thérapeutique. 1932.
Jarcho, J.: Gynecological Roentgenology. 1931.
Lesné, E., and de Gennes, L.: Le Rachitisme et la Tétanie. 1932.
McCarrison, R., and Madhava, K. B.: Life Line of the Thyroid Gland. 1932.
Miller, D.: Midwifery for Nurses. 1931.
Mourgue, R.: Neurobiologie de l'Hallucination. 1932.
Palugyay, J.: Einführung in die Röntgentherapie chirurgischer Erkrankungen. 1931.
Porter, L., and Carter, W. E.: Management of the Sick Infant. Fourth edition. 1932.
Rorschach, H.: Psychodiagnostik. Second edition. 1932.
Roxburgh, A. C.: Common Skin Diseases. 1932.
Royer, M.: L'Urobiline a l'État Normal et Pathologique. 1930.
Scott, A. W.: Engineering Aspects of Condensing and Drying of Milk. 1932.
Sonntag, E.: Die Chirurgie des Praktischen Arztes. 1931.
Taylor, M.: Sir Bertram Windle. 1932.
Turner, P.: Hints Relating to the Sale and Purchase of Medical and Dental Practices and Partnerships. 1932.
Wakil, A. W.: Third Pandemic of Plague in Egypt. 1932.
Wechsler, I. S.: Text-book of Clinical Neurology. Second edition. 1931.

Naval and Military Appointments

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE

Surgeon Lieutenant W. A. Ryan to the *Vernon*.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Surgeon Lieutenant W. H. C. Watson to the *Victory*, for Haslar Hospital.

Surgeon Sublieutenant H. A. Lockhart to be Surgeon Lieutenant.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

The following relinquish their temporary commissions: Major E. M. J. O'Farrell, and retains the rank of Major; Captain W. Owen-Prichard, and is granted the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel; Captains A. C. Murray and J. Crean, and retain the rank of Captain; Captain B. H. H. Tripp.

Lieutenant J. E. Snow to be Captain (prov.).

ROYAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICE

Group Captain B. A. Playne, D.S.O., to Headquarters, Iraq Command, Hinaidi, for duty as Principal Medical Officer, vice Group Captain W. Tyrrell, D.S.O., M.C.

Flying Officers C. H. Smith to Palestine General Hospital; C. A. Rumball to Depot, Middle East, Aboukir.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Lieut.-Col. F. J. Garland D.S.O., having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Lieutenant E. S. Kirkhouse to be Captain.

COLONIAL MEDICAL SERVICES

N. J. Abbensetts, M.B., Ch.B., Government Medical Officer, British Guiana. L. A. P. Slinger, M.B., Ch.B., Assistant Surgeon, Victoria Hospital, St. Lucia.

VACANCIES

BEDFORD COUNTY HOSPITAL.—Second H.S. (male, unmarried).

BOLTON ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Two H.S.

BOOTLE GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Anaesthetist.

BRIGHTON: ROYAL ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.—H.S. (male).

BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Hon. P.

BURTON-ON-TRENT GENERAL INFIRMARY.—C.O. and H.P. (male).

CANTERBURY: BOROUGH MENTAL HOSPITAL.—A.M.O. (male).

CENTRAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, Judd Street, W.C.—Pathologist.

CHELSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, S.W.—J.H.S. (male).

CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE HEART AND LUNGS, Victoria Park, E.—(1) R.M.O. (2) H.P. Males.

DEWSBURY AND DISTRICT GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Second H.S.

DONCASTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—C.H.S. (male).

GREAT YARMOUTH GENERAL HOSPITAL.—H.S. (male, unmarried).

HAMPSTEAD GENERAL AND NORTH-WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, N.W.—(1) S. to O.P. (2) Anaesthetist.

HULL AND SCULCOATES DISPENSARY.—R.M.O.

IPSWICH: EAST SUFFOLK AND IPSWICH HOSPITAL.—(1) H.P. (2) Two H.S. Males.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.—(1) Senior H.S. (2) J.H.S. at Biddulph Grange Orthopaedic Hospital.

LEICESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Resident Assistant Anaesthetist.

LIVERPOOL MATERNITY HOSPITAL.—H.S.

LONDON HOSPITAL, E.—First Assistant to Gynaecological and Obstetric Department.

MACCLESFIELD GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Second H.S.

MANCHESTER BABIES HOSPITAL.—Senior R.M.O.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—(1) H.S. (lady) at Central Branch.

MANSFIELD AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL.—H.S. (male).

NEWPORT, MON.: ROYAL GWENT HOSPITAL.—J.R.M.O.

PLYMOUTH: SOUTH DEVON AND EAST CORNWALL HOSPITAL.—(1) H.P. (2) H.S.

POPLAR HOSPITAL FOR ACCIDENTS.—Senior Resident Officer.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH OF YORK HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Shadwell, E.—R.M.O. (male).

READING: ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL.—H.S.

ROCHDALE INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.—J.H.S.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—(1) C.O. (2) First H.S. (3) Second H.S. with care of orthopaedic beds. (4) Third H.S. (5) Second H.P. (6) H.P. to Children's Department. (7) Gynaecological H.S. (8) Obstetric H.S. (9) Resident Anaesthetist. (10) District Obstetric Assistant.

ROYAL NATIONAL ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL.—H.S. (male, unmarried) at Country Branch, Stanmore.

ROYAL NORTHERN HOSPITAL, Holloway, N.—(1) Medical Registrar.

ROYAL WATERLOO HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND WOMEN, S.E.1.—H.S. (male).

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL SOCIETY.—Medical Superintendent at Tilbury Hospital.

SOUTH SHIELDS: INGHAM INFIRMARY.—J.H.S. (male).

SOUTH-EASTERN HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Sydenham, S.E.—J.R.M.O.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL, Gower Street, W.C.—(1) Clinical Assistant in Department of Psychological Medicine. (2) (*a*) Assistant Radiologist, (*b*) Orthodontist, and (*c*) Dental Surgeon at National Dental Hospital.

WILLESDEN GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Hon. Ophthalmic S.

WINCHESTER: ROYAL HAMPSHIRE COUNTY HOSPITAL.—H.S. (male).

YORK COUNTY HOSPITAL.—H.P.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The appointment at Rothwell (York) is vacant. Applications to the Chief Inspector of Factories, Home Office, Whitehall, S.W.1.

This list is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars are given. To ensure notice in this column advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Tuesday morning. Further unclassified vacancies will be found in the advertising pages.

APPOINTMENTS

ROBINSON, A. Leyland, M.D., B.S., F.R.C.S., F.C.O.G., Professor of Midwifery and Gynaecology, University of Liverpool.

SINCLAIR, H. M., M.B., Ch.B.Aber., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Maesteg District, Glamorgan.

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL.—*Senior Casualty Officer:* M. L. Bynoe, M.R.C.S. *Second Casualty Officer:* A. Rothwell, M.R.C.S. *House-Anaesthetist:* E. L. Littler, M.R.C.S. *Junior House-Anaesthetist:* A. H. Galley, M.R.C.S. *Clinical Pathologist and House-Physician to Dermatological Department:* H. E. Bonnell, M.R.C.S. *House-Physicians:* E. J. Somerset, M.R.C.S., D. H. Fulton, M.R.C.S., J. R. Braybrooks, B.M., B.Ch. *House-Surgeons:* Miss I. P. Murray, M.R.C.S., J. D. H. Bird, M.R.C.S., H. T. S. Wise, M.R.C.S.; Urological Department, F. S. A. Maw, M.R.C.S.; Orthopaedic Department and Third Casualty Officer, N. S. Taylor, M.R.C.S.; Obstetrics and Gynaecology (Senior), Miss M. J. Wilmers, M.B., B.S., (Junior) J. I. Sapwell, M.B., B.Ch.; Aural and Throat Departments, C. F. Cumings, M.R.C.S.; Ophthalmic Department, G. T. Cook, M.B., B.Ch. *Junior House-Pathologist:* R. S. Wale, M.B., B.S.

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.—*Tues.*, 5 p.m., Thomas Vicary Lecture by Mr. Francis Weston, F.S.A.: The London Guild of Barbers (formerly Barber Chirurgeons) and Thomas Vicary—Serjeant Surgeon to Henry VIII—as Master thereof. *Thurs.*, 3 p.m., Annual Meeting of Fellows and Members.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE

General Meeting of Fellows, Tues., 5.30 p.m. Ballot for Fellowship.

Section of Pathology.—Tues., 8.30 p.m. Laboratory Meeting at St. Mary's Hospital.

Section of Dermatology.—Thurs., 5 p.m. Cases at 4 p.m.

Annual Dinner of the Society, May Fair Hotel, W., Thurs., 8 p.m.

Section of Physical Medicine.—Fri., 5.30 p.m. Dr. C. W. Buckley: Differential Diagnosis of Spondylitis and its Treatment by Physical Methods. A discussion will follow.

Section of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.—Fri., 8.15 p.m. Professor Herbert Spencer: Two Cases of Cancer of Body of Uterus, with Metastases in Vagina and Vulva, treated by Hysterectomy and Radiation, and free from Recurrence after 10 and 13 years. Mr. Eardley Holland: Termination of Early Pregnancy by Abdominal Hysterotomy. Mr. J. P. Hedley: An X-ray of an Occipito-posterior Position.

Section of Radiology.—Fri., 8.30 p.m. Short Reports of Cases.

BIOCHEMICAL SOCIETY.—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, W.C., *Fri.*, 4.30 p.m.

BRITISH INSTITUTE OF RADIOLOGY, 32, Welbeck Street, W.—*Thurs.*, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA CLINICAL SOCIETY, Hotel Rembrandt, Thurloe Place, S.W.—*Tues.*, 8.30 p.m. Discussion: Non-specific Protein Therapy, to be opened by Dr. E. W. Bray. Preceded by dinner at 7.30 p.m.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, W.—*Mon.*, 8 p.m., Clinical Evening.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MENTAL HYGIENE, 11, Chandos Street, W.—*Wed.*, 5.30 p.m. Dr. Isabel G. H. Wilson: Day Dreams.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—Clinical and Laboratory Meeting at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, Endsleigh Gardens, W.C., *Thurs.*, 8.15 p.m. Demonstrations: Dr. Carmichael Low, Dr. Manson-Bahr, Dr. Hamilton Fairley, Mr. Pomfret Kilner, Mr. Archibald McIndoe, Dr. Martin Berry, Dr. Mather Cordiner, Professor R. T. Leiper, Professor Gordon Thompson, and Dr. Russell Amies.

SOCIETY OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH, 1, Upper Montague Street, W.C.—*Thurs.*, 11 a.m., Conference of Central Council for Health Education. 7.15 p.m., Annual Dinner at Hotel Victoria. *Fri.*, 5 p.m., Discussion: Some Epidemiological Features of the Pneumococcus and its Types. To be opened by Dr. A. S. M. Macgregor, followed by Dr. R. R. Armstrong.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES

FELLOWSHIP OF MEDICINE AND POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, 1, Wimpole Street, W.—At *Medical Society of London*, 11, Chandos Street, W.: Series of Lectures on Renal Disease; Tues., 4 p.m., Mr. J. Alban Andrews, Renal Tuberculosis (free to members). *West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases*, 73, Welbeck Street, W.: Daily, 5 p.m., Course in Neurology. *Royal Waterloo Hospital*, Waterloo Road, S.E.: Course in Medicine, Surgery, and Gynaecology; afternoons and some mornings. *Hospital for Consumption*, Brompton, S.W.: Thurs., 11.45 a.m., Course in Practical Pathology, dealing with laboratory methods and the interpretation of results. *Lambeth Hospital*, Brook Street, S.E.: Fri., 2 p.m., Demonstration of selected cases of general interest by Dr. G. F. Stebbing, assisted by the staff of the Hospital. *London Lock Hospital*, 91, Dean Street, W.: Course in Venereal Diseases; afternoons and evenings. *City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Lungs*, Victoria Park, E.: All-day Course in Diseases of the Chest; minimum of 10.

CENTRAL LONDON THROAT, NOSE AND EAR HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—*Fri.*, 4 p.m., Mr. Archer Ryland, Demonstration of Museum Specimens.

HAMPSTEAD GENERAL AND NORTH-WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Haverstock Hill, N.W.—*Wed.*, 4 p.m., Dr. Monckton Copeman, F.R.S., Vaccination.

INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL PSYCHOLOGY, Torrington Place, W.C.—*Mon.* to *Fri.*, 4.45 p.m., 5.45 p.m., and 8.15 p.m., Functional Nervous Disorders. *Sat.*, 2.30 to 5 p.m., Demonstration of Intelligence Testing.

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, Denmark Hill, S.E.—*Thurs.*, 9 p.m., Mr. A. C. Palmer, Tubal Inflammation.

LONDON SCHOOL OF DERMATOLOGY, St. John's Hospital, 49, Leicester Square, W.C.—*Tues.*, 5 p.m., Dr. H. W. Barber, Bacteriology and Mycology. *Thurs.*, 5 p.m., Dr. I. Muende, Pathology Demonstration.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL, Queen Square, W.C.—*Mon.* to *Fri.*, 2 p.m., Out-patient Clinics. *Mon.* and *Thurs.*, 3.30 p.m., Dr. Kinnier Wilson, The Motor System. *Tues.*, 3.30 p.m., Dr. Martin, Intracranial Pressure, Epilepsy, etc. *Wed.*, 3.30 p.m., Dr. Collier, Clinical Demonstration. *Fri.*, 3.30 p.m., Dr. Collier, Confusion, Aphasia, Dementia.

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH, Queen Square, W.C.—*Wed.*, 4 p.m., Dr. W. H. Maxwell Telling, The Role of the Hospital Almoner in the Maintenance of Health and the Avoidance of Disease. *Thurs.*, 4 p.m., Dr. C. P. Blacker, Mental Defectiveness and Segregation and Sterilization as Protective Measures.

ST. PAUL'S HOSPITAL FOR GENITO-URINARY DISEASES, Endell Street, W.C.—*Wed.*, 4.30 p.m., Dr. H. N. Webber, Anaesthetics for Genito-Urinary Cases.

ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL FOR STONE, 10, Henrietta Street, W.C.—*Wed.*, 3 p.m., Mr. R. Ogier Ward, The Elucidation of Urinary Symptoms—(1) Pain.

SOUTH-WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE ASSOCIATION, St. James's Hospital, Ouseley Road, Balham, S.W.—*Wed.*, 4 p.m., Mr. V. Z. Cope, Demonstration of Surgical Cases.

WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Hammersmith Road, W.—Daily, 2 p.m., Operations, Medical and Surgical Out-patient Departments. *Mon.*, 10 a.m., Skin Department, Surgical Wards; 2 p.m., Eye and Gynaecological Out-patients; 4.15 p.m., Lecture, Mr. Simmonds, Surgery of the Thyroid. *Tues.*, 10 a.m., Medical and Surgical Demonstrations; 2 p.m., Throat, Nose, and Ear Out-patients. *Wed.*, 10 a.m., Medical Wards, Children's Out-patients; 2 p.m., Eye Out-patients; 4.45 p.m., Venereal Diseases Demonstration. *Thurs.*, 10 a.m., Neurological Out-patients, Fracture Demonstration; 2 p.m., Eye and Genito-Urinary Out-patients; *Fri.*, 10 a.m., Skin Department, Medical Wards; 2 p.m., Throat, Nose, and Ear Out-patients; 4.15 p.m., Mr. Roche, Demonstration of Urological Specimens. *Sat.*, 10 a.m., Medical Wards, Children's Out-patients, Surgical Wards. The lectures at 4.15 p.m. are open to all medical practitioners without fee.

GLASGOW POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—At Faculty Hall, 242, Vincent Street: *Tues.*, 3.30 p.m., Professor Andrew Hunter, Hormones. At Western Infirmary: *Wed.*, 4.15 p.m., Mr. Roy F. Young, Surgical Cases.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY CLINICAL SCHOOL ANTE-NATAL CLINICS.—Royal Infirmary: *Mon.* and *Thurs.*, 10.30 a.m. Maternity Hospital: *Mon.*, *Tues.*, *Wed.*, *Thurs.*, and *Fri.*, 11.30 a.m.

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BIRTHS

BAKER.—To Lucy T. Baker, M.B., Ch.B., and J. R. Baker, M.B., Ch.B., Winterton, Lincs, a daughter—October 22nd, 1932.

WHAITE.—On November 2nd, at St. Lawrence, 55, Lancaster Gate, Rose Foster, M.B., B.Ch., wife of H. Clarence Whaite, a son.

DEATH

MCKINLAY.—On October 5th, 1932, at "Kantara," 4, Clarendon Road, St. Annes-on-Sea, James Gladstone McKinlay, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Salford Public Health Department, the beloved husband of Winifred. Aged 42 years.

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